

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus ~~according to claim 1, further comprising~~ having unique identification information connected to a network with one or more of other information processing apparatuses each connected to said network and each having unique identification information, said information processing apparatus comprising:

function execution means for executing a predetermined function;

communication means for communicating with said other information processing apparatus connected to said network by sending and/or receiving packets on said network;

input means for inputting reservation information concerning a reservation of said predetermined function;

storage means for storing the reservation information concerning the reservation of said predetermined function; and

supply means for reading out the reservation information stored in said storage means and supplying the reservation information to said other information processing apparatus connected to said network via said communication means in response to a request from said other information processing apparatus connected to said network; and

writing means for writing the reservation information of said information processing apparatus into said storage means and for writing reservation information of a sub-unit of said other information processing apparatus into storage means of said external information processing apparatus when a reservation is made for using said information processing apparatus

in cooperation with said other information processing apparatus at the same time.

3. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising comparison means for comparing the reservation information input by said input means with the reservation information stored in said storage means of said information processing apparatus and the reservation information of said storage means of said other information processing apparatus;

 wherein said writing means writes the reservation information in accordance with a comparison result obtained by said comparison means.

4. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said writing means restricts the reservation information to be written into said storage means of said information processing apparatus from said other information storage apparatus when said writing means writes the reservation information into said storage means of said information processing apparatus.

5. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said writing means interrupts said other information processing apparatus from reading the reservation information from said storage means of said information processing apparatus when said writing means writes the reservation information into said storage means of said information processing apparatus.

6. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to

~~claim 1~~, having unique identification information connected to a network with one or more of
other information processing apparatuses each connected to said network and each having unique
identification information, said information processing apparatus comprising:

function execution means for executing a predetermined function;

communication means for communicating with said other information processing
apparatus connected to said network by sending and/or receiving packets on said network;

input means for inputting reservation information concerning a reservation of said
predetermined function;

storage means for storing the reservation information concerning the reservation of said
predetermined function; and

supply means for reading out the reservation information stored in said storage means
and supplying the reservation information to said other information processing apparatus
connected to said network via said communication means in response to a request from said
other information processing apparatus connected to said network,

wherein said storage means stores limitation information concerning a limitation of the
reservation information to be stored, and said supply means supplies the limitation information to
said other information processing apparatus in response to a request from said other information
processing apparatus.

Claims 7-9 (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus ~~according to~~
~~claim 8~~, having unique identification information connected to a network with one or more of

other information processing apparatuses each connected to said network and each having unique identification information, said information processing apparatus comprising:

function execution means for executing a predetermined function;

communication means for communicating with said other information processing apparatus connected to said network by sending and/or receiving packets on said network;

input means for inputting reservation information concerning a reservation of said predetermined function;

storage means for storing the reservation information concerning the reservation of said predetermined function; and

supply means for reading out the reservation information stored in said storage means and supplying the reservation information to said other information processing apparatus connected to said network via said communication means in response to a request from said other information processing apparatus connected to said network,

wherein the reservation information includes a start time and a period for using, and

wherein the reservation information includes apparatus information concerning the information processing apparatus, and the apparatus information is stored at an address position subsequent to the address positions of the start time and the period for using.

Claims 11-20 (Canceled)